

Recent interagency documents, such as The Healthy Forest Restoration Act of 2003, Cohesive Fuels Strategy and the 10-Year Comprehensive Plan, emphasize the importance of accurately and consistently describing Fire Regime Condition Class (FRCC), assessing changes in fire regimes, and their collective use in land management decision-making. The FRCC concept is a fundamental theme in land and fire management planning, performance measures, and accomplishment reporting for fuel treatment projects.

To date, four national training sessions have been held to teach FRCC methods for use in multi-scale assessments, accomplishment reporting, and treatment prioritization for the western United States and Alaska. This technology transfer will continue at a "Train the Trainers" session, September 21-23, 2004, in Anchorage, Alaska. The priority target audience will be resource and fire specialists from Alaska. Additional sessions are being planned for the eastern and western regions later in the fall. This session will enable specialists to become proficient in training others in the use of FRCC assessment tools. This session is not intended or designed for field crews. Following their attendance, these trainers will serve as geographic area advisors leading FRCC training. Topics presented will include the use and instruction of FRCC Standard Landscape Method, Scorecard methods, related software tools, and strategies for selection of methods that achieve monitoring and accuracy objectives.

There are approximately 60 slots available. Each state is allowed up to four nominations. All questions and forms should be directed to Kathy Schon, FRCC Training Coordinator, kathy_schon@nps.gov (see nomination form for more information). She can be reached at (208) 387-5884. The deadline for nominations is August 13. Conference facility details are being finalized, and will be shared with selected participants by August 20. Below are agency contacts that can provide additional information on the training:

- USDA Forest Service Wendel Hann (<u>whann@fs.fed.us</u>), National Landscape Fire Ecologist (505) 388-8243.
- National Park Service Kathy Schon (<u>kathy_schon@nps.gov</u>), Fire Ecologist (208) 387-5884.
- Bureau of Land Management Doug Havlina (doug_havlina@blm.gov), Fire Ecologist (208) 387-5061.
- US Fish and Wildlife Service Bill Leenhouts (bill_leenhouts@fws.gov), Fire Ecologist (208) 387-5584.
- Bureau of Indian Affairs Bev Schwab (<u>bev_schwab@nifc.gov</u>), Fire Effects Specialist (208) 387-5042.
- The Nature Conservancy Ayn Shlisky (<u>ashlisky@tnc.org</u>), Landscape Fire Ecologist (720) 974-7063.

Call for Nominations

Fire Regime Condition Class Train the Trainers Workshop Anchorage Alaska September 21-23, 2004

Complete this nomination form in Adobe or by hand and send to Kathy Schon by COB **August 13, 2004** at:

Fax: **Postal Mail:** Attn: Kathy Schon **FRCC Nominations** Attn: Kathy Schon - National Park Service 208-387-5250 Email: National Interagency Fire Center 3833 S Development Ave kathy_schon@nps.gov Boise, Idaho 83705-5354 Subject: FRCC Nominations **Nominee Information** The priority target audience will be fire and resource specialists from Alaska. Additional sessions are being planned for the eastern and western Regions later in the fall, although all are welcome to attend. This session will enable fire and resource specialists to become proficient in training others on how to use the tools for FRCC assessment. Preference will be given to nominees with regional, state, or other high-level support. Name Title, Agency Address Phone Email 1. Why is it important that you attend the FRCC train-the-trainers workshop? **Nominator Information** Use this section and answer only question 2 (below) if you are nominating someone other than yourself. Name Title, Agency Address Phone Email 2. Why is it important that this individual attend the FRCC train-the-trainers workshop?